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"DO GOOD IN THY GOOD PLEASURE UNTO ZION."—Ps. li. 18.

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report of the Prudential Committee continued from page 90.

From the Panoplist.

Ceylon.—In the report of the last year an account was given of the commencement of our Ceylon Mission, reaching to the close of the year 1816: little more than nine months from the arrival of the Missionaries at Colombo and about three months from their arrival at Jaffna. The present report will bring down the history to February of the present year, embracing a period of about fourteen months.

The plan settled by the Missionaries was to form two divisions, occupying separate stations; but to act in concert and manage their general concerns as composing one mission. In pursuance of this plan, it was agreed, that Messrs. Warren and Poor should be stationed at Tillipally, and Messrs. Richards and Meigs at Batticotta. At the commencement of the period, now proposed for review, Messrs. Warren and Poor resided at Tillipally, making beginnings in their work, about ten weeks; but Messrs. Richards and Meigs remained at Jaffnapatam, as the house assigned to them at Batticotta was not yet in a state to be occupied.

It will be gratefully recollected, that, by favor of the government of the Island, the brethren were allowed to take possession, for the purposes of the mission of the ancient churches, mansion houses and glebes of the two parishes, which they had chosen for their stations. To put the buildings in a state of repair fit for use, was their first care, and a work of a considerable time. In a joint letter of September 1st, they say, "The brethren at Batticotta have been employed most of the year, in repairing their dwelling house. As the building is large, as it had gone much to decay, they have been under the necessity of occupying more time, and of expending a larger sum of money to render it comfortable, than the brethren at Tillipally. The buildings at both our stations, when completed, will be very valuable." Of the expenses of the repairs the Missionaries have duly rendered their accounts; and the amount, though considerable, yet weighs very lightly against the highly important advantages of possessing the buildings. The mansion houses are sufficient for their families, the churches afford ample accommodations for their religious assemblies, and partly for their schools; and the pro-

duce of their lands will be of no small convenience and value to the mission.

But the liberality of the government has not been limited to the buildings and lands in Tillipally Batticotta; it has granted to our mission, since its establishment, similar buildings and lands in six other parishes in the vicinity. Upon these also our Missionaries have bestowed some care. They have besides procured the building of a school at Mallagum, and another at Panditeripo; the former chiefly by subscriptions of the native inhabitants; the latter in great part by the grateful liberality of an individual. A son of a native was brought to Tillipally, in a state of mental derangement, for medical aid. "On his recovery," say the brethren, "the father understanding that we intended to establish a school at Panditeripo, generously offered to furnish timber, and a piece of ground, near the old church building, for a school house, and to superintend the building of it. He is now interesting himself much to engage boys for the school.

Immediately after their settlement at Tillipally, Messrs. Warren and Poor established a school at that place, for the instruction of children and youth both in English and in Tamul. Shortly afterwards they established another, at Mallagum; and they proceeded, as fast as circumstances would permit, to make arrangements for similar establishments at Milette and Oodooville.

The situation of Messrs. Richards and Meigs did not admit of their engaging so soon in establishing schools. It was not until June, that they found it convenient to fix their residence, together at Batticotta; and even then, they were still encumbered with the repairs of their buildings. But though they could not establish a regular school, a considerable number of boys and young men received instruction in English, constantly at their house; and in the latter part of September, a Tamul school was established by them at Batticotta, which commenced and proceeded with encouraging auspices.

The Missionaries have a high sense of the importance of taking native youths completely under their own care and direction; as this would withdraw them from the pernicious influences of their heathen parents and connexions, and place them in the most hopeful way of improvement, and for being qualified for usefulness.

This forcible appeal [the appeal just referred to,] has already touched many a heart; and in answer to it, "pious zeal and liberal charities" have been displayed; and "associations for the support of this object" have been formed. And your committee are persuaded that a design which promises so much for the advancement of the general cause, will be liberally and effectually patronised, by this board and by the christian public. The experiments made, and

the facts communicated by the Missionaries, afford ample encouragements for a steady and vigorous prosecution of the plan of establishing schools and furnishing instruction, for the heathen children and youth in the district of Jaffna, as fast and to as great an extent, as the means at disposal and a due regard to the various objects of our several establishments will permit.—[To be Continued.]

BOMBAY.

From the Christian Herald.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. Horatio Bardwell, American Missionary in Hindostan, to his friend in New York.

Bombay, April 27th, 1818.

MY DEAR BROTHER.

In reading your letter in connexion with other communications from America, my mind was led to admire the goodness of God exciting his children to such a variety of efforts in forwarding the kingdom of Christ. Some are soliciting charity to enlarge the funds of Bible Societies; some are contributing in aid of translations; some are sending their money for the education of heathen; some are imparting the means of grace to their neglected and abandoned countrymen; some are giving tongues to the dumb and ears to the deaf; some are endeavouring to bring in the Jews, and some to evangelize the gentiles; some are espousing the cause of eastern missions; some plead for the western, and others for domestic mission.—Though there may seem to be a kind of rivalry, and a spirit of contention in carrying forward these various objects, yet the cause is the same; the grand object of all these efforts is, to promote the kingdom and glory of Christ. No matter, then, how much emulation in acts of benevolence and good will to our fellow men, and in the service of our divine Master.

It is unnecessary to enter into the detail of our affairs and prospects in Bombay, for in our recent communications to the Board you will see every thing of importance that is to be said.

Though we have occasion to mourn, and to say, in the language of the prophet, "who hath believed our report," yet we faint not. We rejoice and bless God, that through the instrumentality of this mission thousands of the heathen have heard the word of life. Christ has been held forth as the only Saviour of sinners in companies assembled for the worship of idols, even "where satan's seat is." Though we know of no one instance of conversion to the Christian faith among this people, yet God will be honoured through the preaching of the gospel, though it may prove "a savour of death unto death." It is not improbable that we may spend our lives in making known the gospel to this people, without being permitted to witness the conversion of an individual. But we hope for better things; and pray that we may not

only be sowers of the seed, but reapers of the harvest. But never did I more sensibly feel the need of the *Spirit of God* in the conversation of sinners, than since I have been among the heathen. If these idolaters are ever made to forsake their idols, no one can deny that the *Spirit of the Lord* hath done it.

No one department of our mission is more flattering than that of native schools. We have now twelve schools under our patronage, in which are about 600 boys. The immediate instruction of these schools is committed to native teachers, under our superintendence. School books, religious tracts, and the Gospel of Matthew in the Mahratta language are put in the hands of the boys. We hope and pray that the Word of God, which is read daily in the schools, will have an important influence on the minds of the rising generation.

The object of instructing the natives by schools is beginning to gain the attention of European residents in this place, and also in Calcutta. A school Society has been formed in Bombay, which will soon commence its operations. A school book is now in our press, for this Society, consisting of Christ's Sermon on the mount, and a selection from the parables contained in the Gospel, in the Mahratta language.

I am led to conclude, that the method of imparting christian instruction to the heathen, by schools, is calculated more than any other to produce a general and lasting influence on their minds. In proportion as their minds are enlightened by the principles of *natural science*, such as history, geography, chronology, and astronomy, the principles of their religion, many of which are grounded on ignorance of these sciences, will be undermined, and they will be more ready to embrace the religion of the gospel. But though a correct knowledge of the sciences may be the means of opening in some degree their blind eyes, yet their hearts never will be turned from idolatry till the Spirit of God is sent from on high. Idolatry is not simply an error of the head, its seat is in the heart, and nothing less than the power of God can overthrow its empire.

You will easily conceive, that in this barren land, every item of religious information from the land of our fathers is very refreshing to our hearts. The late accounts of the revival of religion at home, the establishment and prosperity of so many Societies for the promotion of the kingdom of Christ, cause our hearts to rejoice and to give thanks to the Father of mercies. O may the increase of Christ's kingdom at home be the means of furnishing more labourers to build the wastes of Zion abroad, and to scatter the light of life in the shades of paganism and death!

Letters recently received from the Brothers at Ceylon contain the afflicting intelligence of the sickness of Brothers Richards and Warren. This you will learn from the communication to the Board. God's ways are mysterious, but we must submit without murmuring.

He knows, infinitely better than man, how to dispose of his servants, and to forward the cause of Zion.

We all enjoy good health, and are happy in the work to which we are called.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N. CAROLINA.

This society, composed of the members of the Synod of North Carolina and other citizens of

that state, held its annual meeting at Fayetteville on the first second and third days of October last. The hopes of the church are sanguine that this institution will do much for the interests of religion in that part of the vineyard.

UNITED FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

An extract from the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina.

"The Synod having deliberated upon the most probable means of extending the Kingdom of our Divine Lord, are pleased to have it in their power in any measure, to co-operate with their christian brethren in other parts of the christian world. Within our own bounds, we have various Bible and Missionary Societies regularly organized; and we believe, that the people under our care are disposed to lend a helping hand in this great, laudable work. It is the opinion of this Synod that the United Foreign Missionary Society promises great usefulness; and as that society can only be extensively useful, by the application of considerable funds, Synod are desirous of increasing these funds by every proper means; and as many congregations, in different parts of our country, have augmented the funds of said Society by constituting their pastors members for life of that institution, Synod so recommend it to the several congregations under their care, as far as it may be convenient, to patronise the "United Foreign Society;" according to the laudable example which others have set before them, by constituting their ministers members for life, of an institution so important."

CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY.

Death of the Missionaries Pæzold, and Pohle, in India.

From the Missionary Register.

We are grieved to report the death of those two excellent men—Mr. Pæzold, of Vepery; and the venerable Mr. Pohle, of Trichinopoly. Dr. Rottler, of Medras, has taken charge, for the present, of the Mission at Vepery.

Our correspondent writes on this melancholy subject—

What a desolation has the Secretary for promoting christian knowledge thus to behold, in its once flourishing Missions!—one only Missionary surviving; and he, the excellent Mr. Kolhoff, of Tanjore, almost overwhelmed with the excessive burden pressing upon him. Vepery, Cuddalore, Trichinopoly, without a Missionary!

Mr. Kolhoff writes—"The loss which not only the family, but this and other English Missions have suffered," meaning those of the society for promoting christian knowledge, as distinguished from the Danish, "by the departure of that faithful servant of Christ," Mr. Pohle, "is irreparable; and I am not able to express the feelings of my afflicted mind, on account of the same. In addition to the Tanjore, this Mission has now devolved to my care. How shall I, poor creature that I am, bear the burden, if the Lord doth not help and support me? May He, in mercy, look upon us; and comfort and succour us, in our sorrow and distress!"

It gives us much pleasure to add, that the Rev. John George Philip Sperschneider, a Lutheran Clergyman from the University of Halle, is preparing to proceed to India under the Christian Knowledge Society. We have the happiness to know this young clergyman; & have

reason to hope that he will prove a worthy successor of the lamented Jacobi. Others we trust, will soon follow him."

DUTCH MISSIONS.

We are much gratified by a letter from Mr. Ledeboer, of Rotterdam, dated 4th August 1818 which informs us that the Netherland Society has lately sent out five young Missionaries, educated in their seminary under the Rev. Mr. Kam; three of them are gone to Amboyna, to assist Mr. Kam, (brother of the tutor) and two are to remain in Java, under the direction of the Missionary Society there.

There are seven students in their seminary, to whom five more will shortly be added; four from the Seminary at Basle under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Burkhardt, and one from the Rev. Mr. Jæncke's, at Berlin.

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Quarterly extracts, No. 2.

From the Christian Herald.

STEREOTYPE PLATES.

The Board of Managers have recently procured a set of stereotype plates for the English New Testament, executed by Messrs. D. & G. Bruce of this city, in bourgeois type, making thirteen sheets duodecimo.

The set of plates for the Minion Bible, duodecimo, for Kentucky, were forwarded from New-York early in September. The plates for the Octavo Bible will soon be dispatched for the same destination.

The New Testament part of the plates for the French Bible have not yet arrived from England, but are daily expected.

The plates for the Spanish New Testament, duodecimo, casting for the society by Messrs. E. and J. White of this city, are nearly finished. It will be a true copy of the text of the second edition of the New Testament printed at Madrid, Spain, in 1797, being a very literal translation of the *Vulgate*, executed by Rmo. P. FELIPE SCIO DE S. MIGUEL, obispo electo de Segovia.

TRANSMISSION OF BIBLES.

In consequence of the want of sufficient information as to the mode of forwarding packages of the Scriptures ordered by Societies, the books are liable, in some instances, to be either lost or delayed in their transmission. In order to avoid those disadvantages, the Board of Managers request Societies to designate, in all cases, the manner in which they are to be forwarded, the places to which they are to be sent, and the names of the agents to whom they are to be consigned; and as the expenses of transportation can be more conveniently paid by the Societies who order the books, or by agents, of their own appointment, than by the agent of this society, the proper officers of those institutions are respectfully desired to give directions for that purpose in all instances where it is practicable.

As the expenditures of the society for the paper, printing, and binding of its Bibles, are very considerable, and as by paying cash they, obtain both the materials and the work on much more advantageous terms than they could do on a credit, Auxiliary and other societies are respectfully requested to remit to the agent, as early as practicable, payment for copies of the scriptures purchased of the society.

Bibles not issued in sheets.

The disadvantages in regard to convenience, economy, and responsibility, which have been experienced in supplying societies with Bibles in sheets, have determined the Board to order that no more unbound copies of the Scriptures shall be issued from the depository; and that those issued shall be stamped with the name of this society as soon as a suitable stamp can be procured.

MEASURES CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS.

Stationary Agents.

The board has resolved to appoint agents in the principal places of the United States to receive and transmit such monies as may be paid to them on behalf of the Society.

Publication of the Monthly Contributions.

Measures have likewise been adopted to obtain the republication, gratis, in Newspapers printed in different parts of the United States, of the Treasurer's Monthly statement of contributions to the funds of the society. Those printers who may be disposed to render that service to the Bible cause in this country, will receive the cordial thanks of the managers of the Society. By signifying their intention to that effect to the agent of the society in New York, measures will be taken to furnish them with one of the Newspapers of this city which print that statement under the authority of the Board.

Congregational Collections.

The Board have recently resolved, that every congregation, religious or benevolent society, which shall transmit to the treasurer of the American Bible Society the proceeds of a collection made for its benefit, shall be entitled to one half of the amount of such collection in Bibles at the cost prices, provided application for the same be made within one year.

Bibles and Testaments printed.

The following copies of the scriptures have been printed for the society during the last quarter:—

2000 Octavo Bibles, 6000 Brevier Bibles, 4750 Minion Bibles, 2500 Do. N. Testaments.

Contributions to the funds of the American Bible society, in August, September, and October, 1818.

From 40 Auxiliary Societies, in part for Bible, & in part donations	\$6928 43
— Bible Societies, not Auxiliary, ditto	463 89
— Charitable Societies	7 18
— Congregational Collections	48 00
— Individuals, Members of the American B. S. or its Auxiliaries, for Bibles	301 18
— 1 Director, for life	150 00
— 57 Ministers, members for life	1715 17
— 8 other members for life	240 00
— 16 Annual contributions	102 00

Total during the second quarter 9955 85

New Auxiliary Societies, with the time when acceded; their Corresponding Secretaries, and their places of residence.

IN MASSACHUSETTS:

Bristol County Bible Society, Sept. 16, 1818. Rev. A. Cobb, Taunton.

Plymouth and Norfolk Bible Society, Sept. 30, 1818—Rev. Samuel Deane, Scituate.

IN CONNECTICUT:

Middlesex County Bible Society, Nov. 4, 1818—J. Barnes, Jun. Esq. Middletown.

Milford Bible Society, Oct. 4, 1818—Mr. Nathaniel Adams, Milford.

IN NEW-YORK:

Guilford Bible Society (Chenango County,) October 17, 1818—Mr. W. F. Dickinson, Guilford.

Newburgh Bible Society. (Orange County,) Sept. 9, 1818—Rev. John Johnston, Newburgh.

Niagara County Bible Society, August 27, 1818—Rev. James H. Mills, Clarence.

Yorktown Female Bible Society (W. Co.) May, 1818—Mrs. Mary White, Forktown.

IN NEW-JERSEY:

Hunterdon County Bible Society, July 21, 1818—Rev. Samuel B. How, Trenton.

IN PENNSYLVANIA:

Chester County Bible Society, Oct. 1818—Rev. Robert Graham, Westchester.*

IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord Bible Society, June 3, 1818—Mr. Edwin J. Osborne, Charlotte.

IN INDIANA:

Madison Bible Society, (Jefferson County,) — Mr. Thomas Crawford, Madison.

The above, added to those published in August, make the total number of Auxiliaries, now officially known and recognized, to be one hundred and seventy-nine.

* Note by Editor Museum. Mr. Graham's proper address is, "New London & Roads Post Office, Chester county.

MIDDLESEX AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

On the 4th November, a society was organized at Middletown Connecticut, Auxiliary to the American Bible Society. The Rev. Dr. Romeyn and the Rev. Mr. Feltus attended, on behalf of the parent society, and delivered animating addresses.

MALTA BIBLE SOCIETY, MEDITERRANEAN.

From the Missionary Register.

Prospects of the society.

Dr. Naudi, in the letter to the secretary of the Church Missionary Society, writes as follows:—

A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Malta Bible Society, translated into Modern Greek, was sent to Salonica, one of the most important places in this sea; where we hope to see established, before long, a Thessalonian Bible Society.

A correspondence has, for some time, been opened with Smyrna; that great Mart of Asia Minor, constantly frequented by a concourse of merchants from all parts, and a great number of ships. The chaplain to the English there, the Rev. Charles Williamson, is active in the Christian cause. We hope that a famous Bible Society will be established.

By means of a friend, Capt. Orton, we have endeavoured to open a direct communication with the East Indies, by way of Alexandria and Suez. A Christian correspondence will thus be established between our Mediterranean and the Red and Indian Seas; affecting an innumerable multitude of nations, cities, and people, that lie adjacent thereto. Thus one hand of your Missionary Station here may be constantly and kindly stretched forth, to suc-

cour that vast number of our neglected and abandoned fellow-creatures, lost in blindness and ignorance. The business which presses us most at present, is, to complete the Translation of the New Testament into the vernacular language of this country, and to bring it into a state fit for publication. This is a work on no account to be neglected; and for which the greatest and most lasting obligation will be due to the co operation of the Church Missionary Society.

Extent of the Mediterranean Shores.

The following remarks of Mr. Jowett will further illustrate the importance of Malta, as a Bible and Missionary Station.

Examining a Chart of the Mediterranean, I was struck with observing that, if the line of the surrounding shores (including the Black Sea) were span out in length, it would encircle half the Globe—180 degrees. And these shores communicate with solid continent: scarcely any part of them is at a greater distance than three weeks' sail; not to mention the numerous islands.

The Bombay Bible Society, I perceive directs its attention to all the countries bounded by the line of coast extending to Suez. I hope that the operations of the Malta Bible Society will, in due time, meet theirs; and that we shall have the pleasure of stretching out our hands to each other, across the Isthmus and Suez and El-Arish.

Evangelical German Lutheran Church.

For the Religious Museum.

COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor—Knowing you to be a friend of religion, and likewise to hear and communicate to your readers of the state and situation of the church of God and also of each denomination particularly; I take the liberty to transmit to you, for insertion, an extract of a report made, by the different clergymen of the Evangelical German Lutheran Church of Pennsylvania at their Synod in the year 1816, of their Actus Ministeriales. I shall endeavor to obtain their report for the two last years, after this, if you be pleased to insert them, and forward them by the first opportunity.

State of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1816 by the different ministers in that year.

Baptised	6,404
Confirmed	2,651
Communicants	20523
German Schools	177

REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

Considerable revivals of religion have recently visited the congregation of Maryville, East Tennessee. Mill Creek, Pennsylvania, Lock and Spencer, New York. Hampton, New-Hampshire. Brookfield, Belchertown, Western, Brimfield, Holland, Palmer, Ware, and Enfield Massachusetts. It is supposed that 500 persons have become the subjects of gracious influence in the places mentioned in Massachusetts. In Maryville, Mr. Anderson, the Pastor of the congregation, has within the past year been more than ordinarily abundant in his labours. Fifty four new communicants were received in the course of five months, and it was supposed that the work is only beginning. At the last communion season before the work began, not one person made application for admission to the Lord's table. At some communion seasons.

From 3 to 4,000 persons attended public worship, which was conducted in the open air. May true religion and undefiled soon overpread the whole land!

Extract of a letter from the Rev. George Scott, at Hookstown, to the editor, dated Sept. 23.

"With regard to religion, appearances among us are not so flattering as they were some time ago. Yet we have reason to bless God, who still seems to visit the out-skirts of Mill Creek Congregation. The sacraments of the Lord's supper was administered in this congregation, on Sabbath the 13th inst. when 19 were added to the church—six on certificates, and 13 on examination. On a Sabbath preceding the sacrament, a man and his wife were baptized; and, on the fast day, three of one family were baptized—all in adult age. Since last April, we have admitted on examination 19 persons, and several are now under solemn exercise of mind. I trust God has yet a few with us for whom he has purposes of mercy. For the most part, the persons admitted on the last occasion have been taken from the hedges and ditches; or, in other words, are such as were a few years ago strangers to the house of worship. While this circumstance is encouraging to the friends of Zion, it ought to alarm those who have been brought up under the Gospel, and yet remain carelessly ignorant of its saving influence, lest the perdition of our Lord should be fulfilled in regard to them, 'Many shall come from the East, and from the West, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out.' There are, however, a goodly number of the children of professors, as well as others, amongst us, who have professionally embraced the religion of Christ, within the compass of three years past.

Upon the whole, we may say, I trust with confidence, *The Lord hath done great things for us wherewith we are glad.* [Weekly Recorder.]

African School under the care of the Synod of New York and New Jersey.

In this school are three students prosecuting their studies preparatory to their entering on the work of the holy ministry. Several others are expected shortly to enter the school. Amongst these, are expected from Charleston, S. C. Adam, a man brought from the gold coast in Africa, and his Nephew, 12 or 14 years of age. Adam is desirous of returning to his native country, with his wife, sister and nephew, that he may preach Christ to his kindred. This is the school respecting which the Synod of Philadelphia passed the resolutions which appeared in the 20th number of the Museum.

The real originator of this school was the late Rev. Samuel John Mills, who died at sea, on his return from Africa, whither he had gone, in the service of the American Colonization Society. The board of directors have requested the Rev. Mr. Spring of New Jersey, to prepare and publish some account of Mr. Mills' life and character.

The board at present consists of the following members. The Rev. Dr. James Richards, Edward D. Griffin, John B. Romeyn, John M'Dowd—The Rev. Gardiner, Spring and Leveret, J. Huntington—together with Messrs.

John Nelson, Hiram Smith, Joseph C. Hornblower, John E. Caldwell, Zachariah Lewis, and Rensselaer Havens.

Education Society for the People of colour in Massachusetts.

This society has under its patronage two young men. One of the members of the Executive Committee has gone into many of the towns in that state, endeavouring to induce the sons of Africa to support this institution, designed to raise up missionaries to the negroes in the country of Africa. He has been successful in gaining their attention, and several auxiliary societies have been organized.

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At a meeting of a number of ministers and laymembers of the Presbyterian church held in the city of Philadelphia on the 9th inst. it was resolved "that it is expedient to establish a general society for the education of pious youth for the gospel ministry, in the Presbyterian church in the United States, under the care of the general assembly.

We expect soon to lay before our readers the Constitution &c. of said society.

MAGAZINE FOR YOUTH.

The editor of the Museum has received from Mr. Nathan Whiting of New Haven, Connecticut, proposals for publishing a religious periodical work, to be entitled *The Guardian*, or *Youth's Religious Instructor*, to be conducted by a respectable minister, and to contain 1. Short Sermons to youth. 2. Memoirs of pious children. 3. Religious dialogues and epistolary correspondence. 4. Miscellaneous pieces. 5. Sabbath School information. 6. Religious anecdotes and poetry.

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Twelve numbers will form a volume, which will be delivered to subscribers at one dollar and twenty-five cents a year, payable on delivery of the sixth number; with the addition of twelve and a half cents for every three months delay.

To those who pay for the work in advance, or those who purchase for charitable distribution, the price will be one dollar.

Persons disposed to subscribe for this work are requested to apply to the editor of the Museum, and the sooner the better, as Mr. Whiting wishes to know immediately whether sufficient patronage can be obtained to justify his commencing the publication on the first Wednesday in January next.

CHILDREN.

The first care of the church should be directed to those whom she acknowledges as children of the church. Let them at stated times, and these at no great distance, be caught and instructed. Let the right which the church has in them be explained. Let their privilege be insisted upon, of participating in the most solemn service of our religion, as soon as their capacities are matured, their knowledge sufficient, and their religious principles fixed; let the church treat these subjects with plainness and affection. Let her zeal to benefit those put from their infancy, under her care,

swallow up lesser objects. Zeal here cannot exceed; it is a leading and essential object in the constitution of the church. Obstacles from parents and friends may appear insurmountable, but they will give way to persevering and resolute attempts; nay she will find aid from those from whom she expected opposition; and concern for the salvation of the child will be found the best means to awaken parents to a sense of their duty, and to the importance of eternal things.—*Monthly Visitor.*

ORDINATIONS.

On the 24th September the Presbytery of Londonderry ordained the Rev. David Tenney, Amzi Benedict, and Charles S. Robinson, sine titulo. They are employed as domestic missionaries.

November 4th. Ordained at Salem Mass. the Rev. Pliny Fisk, Levi Spaulding, Miron Winslow, and Henry Woodward. These gentlemen go out as missionaries to the Heathen. Professor Stuart preached from Gal. vi. 9. 10. The ordination prayer was offered by Professor Porter, Dr. Worcester delivered an address to the missionaries, and Mr. Huntington gave the right hand of fellowship.

November 10, At Frankford, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Thomas Biggs was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by the Philadelphia Presbytery and at the same time installed Pastor of the Presbyterian church in that place. Dr. Janeway presided—Dr. Neill preached, and Mr. Potts delivered charges to the Pastor and people.

POETRY.

From the Franklin Gazette.

MISSION TO JERUSALEM.

"A mission is about to be sent from America to Jerusalem. After ages of darkness, the light of the gospel is soon to re-illumine the shores of Palestine!"

Long hath the crescent's glittering sign
On Salem's temple shone.
Long hath Jehovah's awful shrine
Stood desolate and lone.

The tents of Midian's tribes unblest,
On Shilah's plain have spread.
The wanderer's foot has rudely prest
The soil where Jesus bled!

But Shiloh comes!—to bless the land,
And Israel's tribes restore:
So Edom, with Assyria's band
On Calvary shall adore!

Fair Lebanon shall hear his voice;
And land where Jordan flows,
With Sharon's desert, shall rejoice
And blossom as the rose!*

No more shall Zion's daughter mourn,
Nor captive Judah sigh:
Jehovah shall her walls adorn,
And bring his ransom'd nigh!† W.

* Isaiah xxxv. 1.

† Isaiah xxxv. 10. "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

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